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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of January 15, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 15, 2008, the period for Response having been extended to expire on July 15, 2008 by the concurrent submission of a request for a (three-month) Extension of Time, a Request for Continued Examination also being submitted concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.